



Resolution No. 2016R-313

City of Minneapolis

File No. 16-01022

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Declaring August 17, 2016 "Break the Silence Day" in the City of Minneapolis

Whereas, the stories of sexual assault survivors deserve to be heard, believed and respected; and

Whereas, nearly one in five women will be raped in her lifetime, and most survivors remain silent in the aftermath of their assault for fear of being blamed, shamed, isolated or subject to retaliation; and

Whereas, 97% of perpetrators receive no punishment for their crime, a lack of accountability that enables the perpetrator, silences the victim and leaves our community at risk; and

Whereas, silence protects the perpetrators. Perpetrators draw on the universal desire to see, hear and speak no evil. They will do everything in their power to promote forgetting by silencing or attacking the credibility of the victim; and

Whereas, survivors seek and deserve a community where they will be believed, in which they are treated as victims of violence, their courage to speak the truth is honored and that stands with them through action, engagement and remembering; and

Whereas, by breaking the silence, we can begin to face the urgent truth that sexual violence surrounds us, and by facing this reality can we begin to change it; and

Whereas, more survivors of sexual assault are ready to break the silence and share their stories in solidarity with others. A group of community members will gather in Minneapolis on August 17 to let the truth be heard by adding their names and stories to the larger narrative of sexual violence in the Minneapolis community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council declares the 17th Day of August, 2016, to be **Break the Silence Day** in the City of Minneapolis and that the 35W Bridge be lit in teal on this day.

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Be it Further Resolved that the City invites survivors of sexual assault to say their names and share their experiences to break the silence that perpetuates sexual violence. Community members are invited to honor the many survivors who walk the healing journey by believing their experiences and standing with survivors.

Committee: N/A Public Hearing: N/A Publication: JUL 30 2016

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
REICH	X			
GORDON	X			
FREY	X			
B. JOHNSON				X
YANG	X			
WARSAME	X			
GOODMAN	X			
GLIDDEN	X			
CANO	X			
BENDER	X			
QUINCY	X			
A. JOHNSON	X			
PALMISANO	X			
DATE:	JUL 22 2016			

☒ APPROVED ☐ VETOED


MAYOR HODGES

JUL 26 2016

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented to the Mayor:

JUL 22 2016

Received from the Mayor:

JUL 27 2016